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2003 Big Game Proclamation

2003 General Season Dates

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General Archery Deer General Muzzle. Deer General Season Deer General Season Deer General Season Deer General Season Deer General Archery Deer Aug 16–Sept 12 Sept 24–Oct 2 Oct 18–26

*Entire Southeastern Region;

Pine Valley (Southern Reg.); *Oct 18–22

Zion (Southern Reg.)

General Archery Elk Aug 21–Sept 12
General Season Elk Oct 4–16
General Muzzle, Elk Nov 1–9

PROCLAMATION AMENDMENTS

The Wildlife Board may amend this proclamation if conditions warrant. Be sure to check the Antlerless Addendum for possible amendments. The Antlerless Addendum is published in May or June.



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BONUS POINTS

- * Bonus points may only be obtained through the initial Big game drawing. The application period is from Jan. 3, 2003 through January 31, 2003.
- * You must be eligible for the bonus point for which you are applying or your application will be rejected. For example, if you are eligible to apply for a bucks, bulls and once-in-a-lifetime permit for a particular species, you are eligible to apply for a bonus point for that species.
- You must include a \$5 handling fee for each bonus point for which you are applying.
- * You can only apply for one limited entry or premium limited entry bonus point and one once-in-a-lifetime bonus point.
- * If you apply for a premium limited entry or limited entry permit and a premium limited entry or limited entry bonus point, your application will be rejected.
- * If you apply for more than one premium limited entry or limited entry bonus point choice, your application will be rejected.
- * If you apply for a once-in-a-lifetime permit and a once-in-a-lifetime bonus point, your application will be rejected.
- * If you apply for more than one once-in-a-lifetime bonus point choice, your application will be rejected.
- If you are applying with a group for a deer, elk or pronghorn permit and wish to apply for your bonus point for a once-in-alifetime species, you MUST submit a separate application for the bonus point. You cannot apply as a group for bonus points.

* General permit applications do not effect bonus points. You will receive a bonus point for your unsuccessful premium limited entry, limited entry or CWMU application if you draw a general permit.

How your bonus points work in the draw:

- * Fifty percent (odd numbers are rounded down) of the permits for each hunt unit and species are reserved for applicants with the greatest number of bonus points.
- * You receive a random drawing number for each species you apply for and every bonus point you have for that species. Your lowest random number is then used in the drawing.
- Bonus points are averaged and rounded down when two or more applicants apply as a group. For example, if two hunters apply as a group, hunter A with 7 bonus points and hunter B with 0 bonus points, the bonus points are averaged (3.5) and rounded down to 3. You receive 3 random numbers for the bonus points and 1 random number for the group application, for a total of 4 random numbers. The lowest random number is used in the drawing.

For additional information about group applications and bonus points see Section XVII.B and XVII.J.

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YOU CANNOT APPLY NOR RECEIVE A BONUS POINT IF...

- You are currently under a waiting period for that species.
- You have already obtained a permit for that once-in-a-lifetime species.
- You are currently under wildlife license suspension for big game hunting.

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PREFERENCE POINTS

- Preference points may only be obtained by applying for a general deer or muzzleloader elk (ML300) through the drawing. The application period is from January 3–31, 2003.
- * You must include a \$5 handling fee for each preference point for which you are applying.
- * Preference points are used to ensure that applicants who are unsuccessful or apply for a preference point in the drawing for general buck deer permits and general muzzleloader elk (ML300) permits, will have first preference in the next year's drawing for the respective permits. A single preference point is awarded to each applicant who submits a valid unsuccessful application or to an applicant who submits a valid application only applying for a preference point.
- * Permits are reserved for those applicants with preference points. Once those applicants with preference points are allocated permits, any remaining permits will be available for remaining applicants.
- * If there are more applicants with preference points than available permits, a random selection will occur among those applicants and those who are unsuccessful will receive an additional preference point for the following year's drawing.
- General buck deer permits are allocated by region for rifle and muzzleloader. Therefore, an applicant should not list a region choice more than once. If the applicant's first region permit choice is not drawn, it will be because the region allocation has been issued.
- * A preference point will not be issued if an applicant is successful in drawing any permit regardless of the region or choice number. For example, if an applicant chooses Southeastern Re-

- gion as first choice and Northern Region as second choice, and the applicant draws the Northern Region permit, a preference point will not be awarded.
- * Preference points awarded in the initial drawing are not forfeited for obtaining a remaining permit in the second drawing or over-the-counter.

How your preference points work in the draw:

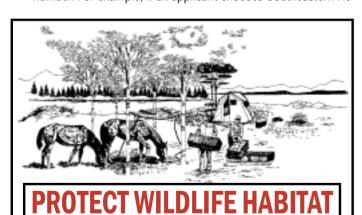
- * You receive a random drawing number for each species you apply for and every preference point you have for that species. Your lowest random number is then used in the drawing.
- * Preference points are averaged and rounded down when two or more applicants apply as a group. For example, if two hunters apply as a group, hunter A with 3 preference points and hunter B with 0 preference points, the preference points are averaged (1.5) and rounded down to 1. You receive 1 random number for the preference point and 1 random number for the group application, for a total of 2 random numbers. The lowest random number is used in the drawing.
- * Applicants who applied for a general deer or muzzleloader elk (ML 300) permit will receive a preference point for that species even if successful in obtaining a premium limited entry, limited entry or CWMU deer or elk permit in the drawing.

For additional information about group applications and preference points see Section XVIII.B and XVIII.I.

You cannot apply for a preference point if you are currently under wildlife license suspension for big game hunting.



The Division of Wildlife Resources is funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and through federal aid made possible through an excise tax on the sale of firearms and other hunting- and fishing-related equipment.



Use of certified noxious weed-free hay and straw is required on all Federal and State Trust Lands.

Contact your County Extension Agent for weed free alternatives and available sources or go to http://ag.utah.gov -> Weed Free Hay.

Vehicles, ATVs, and trailers should be weed-free upon entering Federal and State Trust Lands.

Report weed infestations to local land management office.

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Drawing Results

April 30, 2003

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2003 License & Permit Fees

FEES DO NOT INCLUDE \$5 HANDLING FEE. (See application.)

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DEER PERMITS						
General Archery	\$35	\$208		Х	01/31/03	Extended area archery permits available. A \$5 handling fee applies.
General Season	\$35	\$208		Х	01/31/03	See Section XIX.A.
General Muzzleloader	\$35	\$208		Х	01/31/03	
Premium Limited Entry &	\$133	\$508			01/31/03	
Premium CWMU Buck	\$133	\$508		*	01/31/03	*Nonresidents may obtain CWMU permits only through the CWMU operator.
Ltd. Entry Buck	\$48	\$408			01/31/03	
CWMU Buck	\$35	\$208		*	01/31/03	
ELK PERMITS						
General Archery	\$60	\$333	Х		**	Extended area archery permits available. A \$5 handling fee applies. See Section XX.A. ** Permits are available beginning 7:30 a.m. July 17, 2003 until all permits are sold.
Gen. Season-Any Bull & Spike Bull	\$60	\$333	Х		**	
Gen. Muzzleloader Spike Bull	\$60	\$333	Х		**	
Ltd. Entry, Special AR 301 &	\$180	\$483			01/31/03	Limited entry bull elk auxiliary permit fee \$20. See Section XX.E.
CWMU Any Bull	\$180	\$483		*	01/31/03	*Nonresidents may obtain CWMU permits only through the CWMU operator.
Youth Any Bull Elk (YH 499)	\$60	\$333			01/31/03	
Muzzleloader Elk (ML 300)	\$60	\$333			01/31/03	
PRONGHORN PERMITS						
Limited Entry & CWMU Buck	\$50	\$233		*	01/31/03	*Nonresidents may obtain CWMU permits only through the CWMU operator.
MOOSE PERMITS					•	
Bull Moose &	\$308	\$1008		*	01/31/03	Once-in-a-lifetime hunt.
CWMU Bull Moose						*Nonresidents may obtain CWMU permits only through the CWMU operator.
BISON PERMITS						
Henry Mountains	\$408	\$1008			01/31/03	Once-in-a-lifetime hunt.
Antelope Island	\$1105	\$2605			01/31/03	Once-in-a-lifetime hunt.
DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP P	ERMITS	S				
Sheep		\$1008			01/31/03	Once-in-a-lifetime hunt.
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Sheep		\$1008			01/31/03	Once-in-a-lifetime hunt.
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Poaching is a crime Simply defined "poaching" is any illegal

taking of fish, game or nongame wildlife.

- It is not a crime committed against the Division of Wildlife Resources, but a crime affecting all citizens of the State of Utah.
- Poachers steal from consumptive and nonconsumptive users alike. Present and future generations of law abiding outdoorsmen are the victims.
- Poachers erode public support of hunting and fishing. They threaten the existence of our sport. In short, poaching is a serious crime, and poachers are nothing more than thieves.

Many entities in the private sector are partnering with the DWR to help protect our wildlife resources.

For example, UBET Wireless and Cellular One are making it possible for most wireless phone users to report poaching — free of charge.

Both companies are donating roaming and air charges for calls originating in many parts of rural Utah, no matter who your wireless provider is.

To contact the DWR Help Stop Poaching hotline on your wireless phone, simply dial *DEER and hit send.















Take a stand

Defend wildlife and the right of future generations to enjoy it

Photos on ths page represent a small percentage of animals poached in Utah.

In 2000 and 2001, DWR Conservation Oficers investigated the illegal killing of 591 deer and 442 elk.

Do your part and call the Help Stop Poaching hotline to report violations: 1-800-662-DEER (3337).



Ethics: "A peculiar virtue in wildlife ethics is that the hunter ordinarily has no gallery to approve or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his acts, they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than by a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of this fact."—Aldo Leopold

Chronic Wasting Disease

What is chronic wasting disease?

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a relatively rare neurological disease found only in wild and captive deer and elk herds in North America. It belongs to a family of diseases known as transmissable spongiform encephalopathies (TSE) or prion diseases.

Other TSE diseases include scrapie in domestic sheep, bovine spongiform encelphalopathies or mad cow disease, and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans. Although CWD shares certain features with other TSE diseases, it is a distinct disease apparently affecting only deer and elk.

Chronic wasting disease attacks the brains of infected deer and elk, causing the animals to become emaciated, display abnormal behavior, lose bodily function and eventually die.

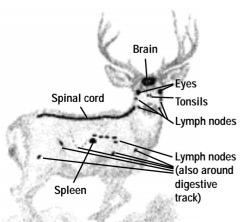
Other symptoms include excessive salivation, loss of appetite, excessive thirst and urination, holding the head in a lowered position, and drooping ears.

There is currently no evidence that CWD is transmissible to humans. There is also no scientific evidence that chronic wasting disease can be transmitted to livestock or other big game animals.

How is CWD diagnosed?

The prion that causes CWD accumulates in certain parts of an infected deer or elk including the brain, eyes, spinal cord, lymph nodes, tonsils, and spleen.

The brain and/or lymph nodes are collected from dead deer or elk and examined microscopically using special stains to identify the CWD prion.



Avoid soft tissues where prions accumulate.

Chronic wasting disease — currently not found in Utah

Chronic wasting disease has not been found in Utah (as of December 2002). It is found in wild deer and elk in parts of Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wisconsin. It is also found in captive deer and elk in six states and two Canadian Provinces.

Chronic wasting disease is a relatively rare disease. In the endemic area of Wyoming, Colorado, and Nebraska it is found in less than 1 percent of the wild elk and in 1 to 15 percent of wild deer populations.

What is the UDWR doing about CWD?

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) first began looking for chronic wasting disease in 1998. Over 700 samples were taken from hunter harvested deer and elk in 1998 and 1999. The UDWR has also collected samples from symptomatic animals throughout the state. None of these samples tested positive for CWD.

Since CWD-positive deer were discovered in western Colorado in 2001, the UDWR has decided to step up its surveillance program and look more aggressively for this disease.

New carcass regulations

The UDWR has also taken measures to prohibit the import of deer and elk carcasses from known infection areas.

Only the following parts of wild deer and elk may be imported from designated infection areas from other states.

- Meat that is cut and wrapped either commercially or privately.
- Quarters or other portion of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
- · Meat that is boned out.
- · Hides with no heads attached.
- Skulls plates with antlers attached that have been cleaned of all meat and tissue.
- · Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Upper canine teeth known as buglers, whistlers or ivories.
- · Finished taxidermy heads.

Non-residents transporting harvested deer and elk carcasses through Utah may do so if they do not stay in Utah more than 24 hours.

How can hunters help?

Immediately report all deer that appear sick or emaciated to a UDWR office, biologist or officer.

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 Southeastern Region
 (435) 636-0260

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 Northern Region
 (801) 476-2740

Some deer hunters will be asked to provide heads of harvested game animals for CWD testing at checking stations throughout the state.

Hunters who harvest trophy animals from areas where testing is needed may be requested to cooperate by removing the cape from the deer or elk in the field or by taking the head to a Division office immediately after it is caped. The UDWR can then remove a brain sample from the head for testing.

Can hunters have their deer and elk tested for chronic wasting disease?

Hunters who have their deer or elk sampled by the UDWR will be notified of any animals which test positive.

Other hunters who wish to have their deer or elk tested for chronic wasting disease may do so at a cost of \$20 by providing the head of the animal to Utah State University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab in Logan, Utah. Deer and elk must be older than one year of age to be eligible for testing. Hunters interested in having their animal tested should call the lab at 1 (435) 797-1895.

Should Utah hunters be concerned about CWD?

The World Health Organization has stated: "There is currently no evidence that CWD in cervidae (deer and elk) is transmitted to humans."

While there is no evidence that CWD affects humans and CWD has not been detected in Utah, hunters may wish to take these simple precautions when handling deer and elk carcasses:

- Do not harvest or eat animals that appear sick.
- Wear rubber or latex gloves when field dressing and processing game meat.
- Bone out the meat from the deer or elk and remove all fat, membranes and connective tissue.
- Minimize handling of the brain, spinal cord, spleen and lymph nodes. Do not cut through the spinal cord except to remove the head.
- Do not consume the brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils or lymph nodes.
- Do not use household utensils to field dress or process meat. Thoroughly clean all knives, equipment and work areas with a 50/50 solution of household bleach and water.

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About the Artist

Daren Wilding,

a native of Idaho, has been an avid hunter and fisherman for more than thirty years. This passion for the outdoors, combined with his love of art provide the basis for nearly all of his work. His love for and knowledge of his subject matter provide a realism and accuracy that attract and excites not only the true outdoors man, but anyone who has marveled at the wonders of nature.

Daren, who has an associates degree in illustration from Ricks College and a B.A. from Idaho State University. is currently a high school art teacher in Ogden, Utah. In addition to teaching he has been working as a professional artist for more than eight years and has received both regional and national recognition.

In support of wildlife he also works with such organizations as the R.M.E.F., The Mule deer Foundation, Bugle magazine, F.N.A.W.S.,

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